

JUVENILE PROBATION

DESCRIPTION

The Juvenile Probation Department provides intake or entry into the juvenile court system for criminal and domestic relations matters. The department offers education, training, supervision, and other services for juveniles and their caretakers to prevent the recurrence of crime and delinquency and the utilization of the court to resolve domestic matters. Juvenile Probation also provides assistance in establishing Chesterfield County as a safe place to live and work.

To provide the best service possible to its customers, Probation feels that continually striving to reach its goals is of paramount importance. The goals of Probation are to provide top quality services to clients while adhering to professional standards and state law, to continue management practices for fostering a productive workforce, to achieve a high degree of customer satisfaction, and to provide an environment that encourages employee involvement, development, and innovation.

FINANCIAL ACTIVITY

	FY2002 Actual	FY2003 Adopted	FY2004 Biennial Planned	FY2004 Adopted	Change FY2003 to FY2004	FY2005 Projected	FY2006 Projected	FY2007 Projected
Personnel	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.0%	\$0	\$0	\$0
Operating	56,620	85,300	127,300	85,300	0.0%	85,300	85,300	85,300
Capital	<u>35</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	0.0%	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Total	\$56,655	\$85,300	\$127,300	\$85,300	0.0%	\$85,300	\$85,300	\$85,300
Revenue	<u>6,720</u>	<u>16,000</u>	<u>16,000</u>	<u>16,000</u>	0.0%	<u>16,000</u>	<u>16,000</u>	<u>16,000</u>
Net Cost	\$49,936	\$69,300	\$111,300	\$69,300	0.0%	\$69,300	\$69,300	\$69,300
FT Pos.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

BUDGET ANALYSIS AND EVALUATION

In FY2002, the Twelfth District Court Service Unit (CSU), comprised of Chesterfield County and the City of Colonial Heights, processed 1,174 complaints or requests for services at intake. Child custody, visitation and support, and other domestic relations matters accounted for 596, or 51%, of them. The other 49% or 578, was comprised of criminal/delinquency complaints. This domestic/criminal total ratio is only slightly different from the fiscal years 1997 through 2001.

The combined total intake for Chesterfield County and Colonial Heights during FY2002 was 14,085 – an increase of 2.5% over the 13,751 total for FY2001. Intake for the City of Colonial Heights decreased by approximately 19%, from 1,054 in FY2001 to 854 in FY2002. Intake in Chesterfield County increased by

approximately 4%, from 12,697 in FY2001 to 13,231 in FY2002.

The department prepared 29 social history investigations and reports for the courts on average per month in FY2002. Additionally, 12th District Court staff prepared one transfer report, 34 SASIS's (Substance Abuse Subtle Inventory Screenings), eight substance abuse assessments, and 3 family assessments on average each month. In a typical month, six psychological evaluations were conducted and documented. While the number of social history investigations has remained the same, figures for substance abuse assessments and screenings have continued to increase by approximately 50% each year for the past two years.

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On any given day during FY2002, one could expect to find 210 youths on probation, 11 of whom were receiving intensive probation services. Further, on any given day, there were 24 youths in state correctional centers, 29 in the community on parole supervision, and 15 in special placements. During the year, a total of 504 youths was under court-ordered probation or parole supervision in the Twelfth District, a 15% decrease from last year's 594. This decrease was thought to be attributable to the institution and success of the First Offender Program, which served 107 youths during FY2002. These youths participated in an intense risk and needs level assessment and received appropriate services based on the evaluation. This program allowed youth to participate in services to address their particular needs without being placed under formal probation supervision.

Also during the fiscal year, a total of 21 youths was committed to the Department of Juvenile Justice. This was a 45% decrease from FY2001's 39 youths. Three youths were certified to the Circuit Court during FY2002, a 70% decrease from the 10 certified in FY2001 (which was a 60% decrease from FY2000). While the number of criminal intakes has not decreased, it is reasonable to attribute the decreases in certifications to the quality of service delivery by CSU staff and the appropriate use of funding resources.

The Assault, Shoplifters, Substance Abuse, and Restorative Justice diversion/education programs continued to be utilized. In FY2002, 917 youths with complaints before Chesterfield and Colonial Heights Court Service Units completed those programs. On a monthly average, 19 youths participated in the Assault Diversion Program, 32 youths participated in the Substance Abuse Education Program, 33 youths participated in the Shoplifter Program, and nine youths participated in the Restorative Justice Program.

In addition to the diversion/education programs, intervention and support services played an important part in service provision to county youth. During FY2002, 379 youths participated in the Community Service Program. A typical month had 54 youths participating in the First Offender Program, 32 youths receiving instruction or aftercare in the Assault Intervention Program, 12 female youths in the Female Offender Group, six youths in therapeutic recreation activities, and four youths in law-related education.

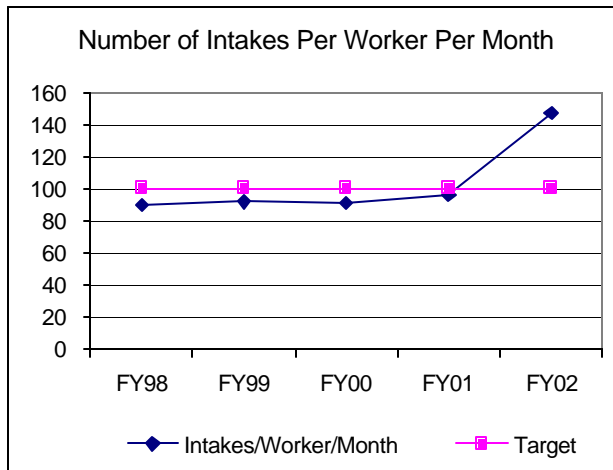
Services were received through Comprehensive Services Act funding for 15 youths, 11 of whom were residential, for intensive mental health treatment, sex offender treatment, substance abuse treatment, and independent living skills. All other noted services were provided through the Court Service Unit utilizing Virginia Juvenile Community Crime Control Act (VJCCCA) funds.

Personnel expenses for Juvenile Probation are funded in the Court Service Unit through VJCCCA. Due to the drastic reduction in state funds experienced by the program, the budget for the Court Service Unit of Probation has been reduced by more than \$900,000 of the total \$966,000 sustained by VJCCCA. This resulted in a significant reduction in available services for juveniles, as the loss of funds included funding for nine positions and twelve programs. Probation has covered as much of the FY2003 expense as possible, but finds that its contribution is grossly insufficient. During FY2003, Probation received an additional \$20,000 to assist with the telecommunications expenses it picked up for the Court Service Unit. Though the department did not experience further reductions as part of the recommended state budget amendments, VJCCCA and, consequently, Probation's Court Service Unit remain vulnerable to additional future cuts.

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HOW ARE WE DOING?

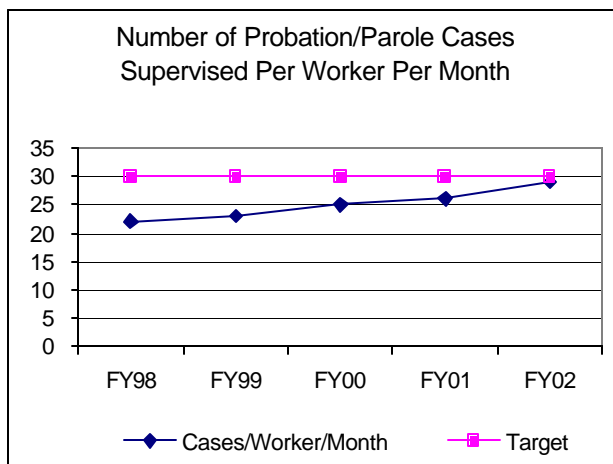
- Goal:** Provide top quality services to clients while adhering to professional standards and state law. Supports countywide strategic goal numbers 2 and 4
- Objective:** To reduce monthly intake caseloads to less than 100 per worker so as to provide timely service and appropriate resolution
- Measure:** Number of intakes per worker per month



Initiatives

- Maintenance of adequate qualified staff
- Staff adherence to policies and procedures

- Goal:** Provide top quality services to clients while adhering to professional standards and state law. Supports countywide strategic goal numbers 2 and 4
- Objective:** To reduce monthly probation/parole caseloads to less than 25 per worker so as to provide monitoring, counseling and ensure compliance.
- Measure:** Number of cases supervised per month



Initiatives

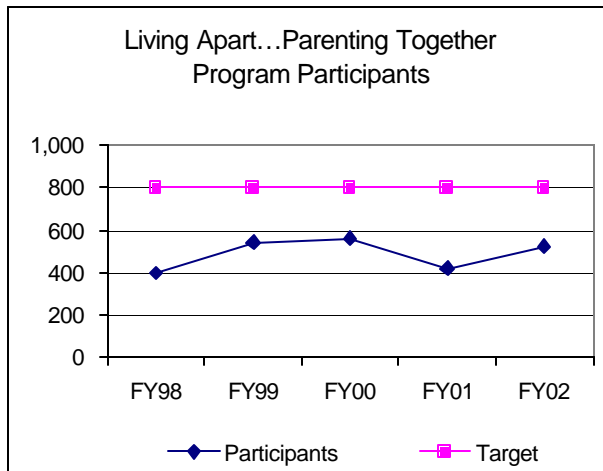
- Maintenance of adequate staff
- Periodic caseload review

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Goal: Provide top quality services to clients while adhering to professional standards and state law. Supports countywide strategic goal numbers 2 and 4

Objective: To provide the Living Apart...Parenting Together program to parents as a means of resolving underlying domestic relations issues

Measure: Number of participants



Initiatives

- Program continuity per state law
- Periodic review of program guidelines

WHERE ARE WE GOING?

This department has been involved in the exploration and feasibility study, planning, development, and ultimate implementation of a Juvenile Drug Court in Chesterfield County. The project has moved from the exploration/feasibility phase to the planning stage. It is anticipated that funding for future years will be provided from donations made to the Drug Court Foundation and from grants. Juvenile

Probation expects to continue to take the lead in this project.

While funding levels for FY2005 and beyond are uncertain, the department's focus continues to be on providing the most cost effective diversion and intervention services possible.

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“LIVING APART...PARENTING TOGETHER” **(Cope with Divorce)**

FINANCIAL ACTIVITY

	FY2002 Actual	FY2003 Adopted	FY2004 Biennial Planned	FY2004 Adopted	Change FY2003 to FY2004	FY2005 Projected	FY2006 Projected	FY2007 Projected
Personnel	\$2,393	\$3,700	\$3,700	\$3,700	0.0%	\$3,700	\$3,700	\$3,700
Operating	17,093	19,300	19,300	19,300	0.0%	19,600	19,600	19,600
Capital	<u>0</u>	<u>1,000</u>	<u>1,000</u>	<u>1,000</u>	0.0%	<u>700</u>	<u>700</u>	<u>700</u>
Total	\$19,486	\$24,000	\$24,000	\$24,000	0.0%	\$24,000	\$24,000	\$24,000
Revenue	<u>19,095</u>	<u>24,000</u>	<u>24,000</u>	<u>24,000</u>	0.0%	<u>24,000</u>	<u>24,000</u>	<u>24,000</u>
Net Cost	\$391	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.0%	\$0	\$0	\$0
FT Pos.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

BUDGET ANALYSIS AND EVALUATION

The “Living Apart...Parenting Together” program, originally Cope with Divorce, is a program initiated in 1988 to help divorced or separated parents build a cooperative post-separation or post-divorce relationship. This relationship is a very important part of helping their children maintain their behavioral and emotional health. To help lessen the impact on children now having two homes, the Chesterfield Community Services Board and the Twelfth District Court Service Unit offer a four-hour educational parent seminar focusing on their needs during the stressful time of parental separation or divorce. The seminar helps parents identify ways of keeping the child out of the middle of the uncoupling process, identify the signs of abnormal stress brought on by the new situation, and find community resources for separating or divorcing families.

During an average month in FY2002, an average of 8 families was receiving family counseling; 52 parents were participating in the program. The parents of 5 youths under CSU supervision were participating in the Parenting Skills Program.

Revenue generated from participation in the program is expected to increase as participation is being made mandatory for divorcing family cases involving children. However, until the impact of mandatory participation can be better estimated, the revenue and expenditures budgeted for FY2004 will remain level with FY2003. As in the past the revenue received from the program will be reinvested to support it. This includes expenses for supplies and materials, paid trainers, program security, and staff training and development.